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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SOPN, MASS, IS, US

SUBJECT: VANCE/BROWN BRIEFING, FEBRUARY 14

1. AS POST IS AWARE, USG DECISION ON MIDEAST AIRCRAFT SALES PACKAGE WAS ANNOUNCED FEBRUARY 14 IN BRIEFING BY SECRETARIES VANCE AND BROWN, MOST OF WHICH WAS "ON BACKGROUND." IN DAYS FOLLOWING BRIEFING, GROUND RULES OF BACKGROUNDER WHICH FORBADE IDENTIFICATION OF BRIEFERS BY NAME WERE BROKEN ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. SEVERAL MEDIA REACTION CABLES MENTIONED THESE BREACHES, INCLUDING ONE BY IBA'S ELI NISSAN, WHO SAID HE "FELT FREE" TO IDENTIFY VANCE AND BROWN FOLLOWING ALLEGATIONS OF EGYPTIAN PLANS TO PURCHASE MIRAGE AIRCRAFT IN ADDITION TO F-5S.

2. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE POST REPEATING NISSAN REPORT CITED ABOVE, AND REPORTING ANY OTHER SPECIFIC INSTANCES OF APPARENT BREACH OF BACKGROUND RULES IN FORCE AT THAT BRIEFING.

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3. FYI ONLY: DEPT HAS ALREADY CHASTISED ONE RESIDENT ARAB CORRESPONDENT FOR BREAKING BACKGROUND RULES, AND WISHES TO MAINTAIN EVEN-HANDED POSTURE. VANCE

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